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A Look at Associate Dean Niroomand's *Journal of Current Research in Global Business* Operation

Researchers at USMPRIDE.COM have obtained financial records on CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand's *Journal of Current Research in Global Business* operation. Numerous reports available at USMPRIDE.COM have investigated the publishing practices of Niroomand and economics professor Edward Nissan. In doing so, the issue of the CoB's sponsorship of the *JCRGB*, a journal of dubious quality, has arisen. As the documents presented below in this report indicate, concerns over Niroomand's use of the *JCRGB* to garner large raises in the CoB's evaluation system appear to have been well founded.

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Date	Type of Entry	Number	Description July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006	Charge	Credit	Balance
7/1/2005			Manuscript Submission Fee-Wm. Hsu		40.00	40.00
8/16/2005	Interdepartmental Invoice		Trans from Salary Recovery to support Journal		3,000.00	3,040.00
10/24/2005	Departmental Deposit		Payment of publication & processing fee for Dr. Faramarz Damanpour of James Madison University		275.00	3,315.00
11/7/2005	Departmental Deposit		Payment for case study review from Mrs. Courtney Ferguson - Shepard Station		25.00	3,340.00
11/11/2005	Publication & Printing Services		Printing and binding of 100 journals	747.58		2,592.42
12/1/2005	Departmental Deposit		Walayet Khan		25.00	2,617.42
2/15/2006	Departmental Deposit		Walayet Khan - printing costs		200.00	2,817.42
4/25/2006	MDR March 2006		PRT_CTR_P54221	695.26		2,122.16
5/23/2006	MDR April 2006		Shipping fees - mail journals	41.47		2,080.69
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The insert above shows that, on 8/16/2005, an interdepartmental invoice was filed, effecting a transfer from salary recovery to support the *JCRGB*. The amount of that transfer, as shown above, was $3,000.00, which raised the account balance for the *JCRGB* to $3,040.00.

In October of 2005, a $275 payment was made to Dr. Faramarz Damanpour (James Madison University). As previous reports have indicated, Damanpour is an important figure in the Association for Global Business, another dubious affiliation of Niroomand's. In fact, both Damanpour and Niroomand hold the esteemed position of "Amigo" within the AGB.

As the insert above shows, the largest expenses recognized for the account are printing and binding fees. They amounted to about $1,450 on two separate occasions during the 2005-2006 academic year. It is interesting to note that only 100 copies of each issue are produced, further supporting the idea that this whole operation is of little to no significance within the academic world. It would not be surprising to learn, at this point

that, many of those 100 copies actually go undistributed, and perhaps remained boxed in the JGH 211.

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7/1/2006			Beginning Balance		2,080.69
8/4/2006	Departmental Deposit		Submission fees	50.00	2,130.69
8/9/2006	Departmental Deposit	325639	Submission fee	25.00	2,155.69
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The insert above continues the account activity into the summer of 2006. Investigators note that there appears to be very little activity in the way of journal submissions. There are only 3 or 4 submission fee entries, totaling less than $125.

Some USMPRIDE.COM readers will also recognize the account system from the University of Southern Mississippi at the top of each form. This shows where money for supporting the *JCRGB* is housed at USM (in the CoB Dean's office).

Additional Commentary

The *JCRGB* operation is only one example of how the CoB is being used for personal gain by administrators and their supporters. As the cases continue to mount, CoB Dean Harold Doty may be seen as the best player at "the game" – from a Dean's position – that the CoB has ever known. The kinds of deals and shenanigans that are taking place in the CoB these days are doing more to produce the "spiraling down" of the CoB that EFIB Chair George Carter speaks of than anything that's taking place east of Joseph Greene Hall. The findings in this report, in conjuction with Niroomand's raises in 2004 and 2006, produces a troubling picture of USM's CoB.